

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. Claims 19-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2. Claims 1-12 and 19-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-8, 13-25, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by “Full Product Review Adobe LiveMotion” (Skryme). Claims 9-12 and 26-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Skyrme. Claims 1, 7, 13 and 18 have been amended. Claims 6, 8-12, 17, and 19-31 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Non-compliant Amendment

This response is being filed in response to the notice of non-compliant amendment received on January 11, 2007. Applicants apologize for the error and thank Examiner Broome for his continued consideration of the application.

35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 Rejections

Claims 19-24 have been rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully disagree, but have cancelled claims 19-24, thus removing the need to respond to the rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

Claims 1-12 and 19-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claims invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. With respect to claims 1-12, Applicants respectfully disagree, but have amended claim 1 to overcome the rejections. With respect to claims 19-24, Applicants respectfully disagree, but have cancelled claims 19-24, thus removing the need to respond to the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow claims 1-12.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8, 13-25, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended contain features not taught or

suggested by the cited prior art. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of now cancelled claim 6. Namely, **receiving a change to the at least one property prior to creating the second compound key frame, the second compound key frame incorporating the change to the at least one property**. In the rejection to claim 6, the Examiner stated that Skyrme taught such a feature in section 2, page 2 third paragraph. Applicants respectfully disagree. The cited portion explicitly describes creating a second key frame prior to receiving a change to a property. This is completely different than receiving the property then creating a second compound key frame as taught by claim 1 as amended. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow claim 1.

Claims 2-5 and 7 are all dependent on independent claim 1, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons given above for independent claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow claims 2-5 and 7.

Independent claim 13 as amended includes features neither taught or suggested by the prior art of record. In particular, independent claim 13 includes the feature of **receiving a selection signal indicative of the user interface selection device selecting a change to the at least one property prior to displaying the second compound key frame, the second compound key frame incorporating the change to the at least one property**. This feature is similar to the feature argued above with respect to independent claim 1, and is similarly not present in the Skyrme reference. Skyrme explicitly teaches displaying the compound key frame prior to receiving a selection signal indicative of a change to a property. This is completely the opposite of what is described in claim 13. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow claim 13.

Claims 14-16 and 18 are all dependent on claim 13, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons given for independent claim 13 above. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow claims 14-16 and 18.

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